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416 E. Front St.  
Danville, Pa.

Dear Robert,

In trying to acknowledge my birthday greetings, but move so slowly, my progress is very slow.

The night you were at the house, I wanted to give you the church check, but thought of it after you had gone, and I didn't want to plan after you or I'd have been "run in" as a town misander.

As soon as the doctor gave the nod, we came down here, for I knew there were so many things Gertrude had been giving up to stay at that end of the line, I felt guilty.

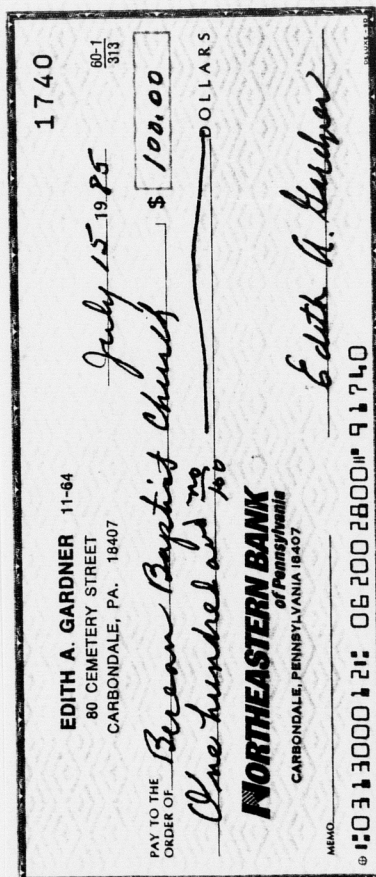
I've had so many birthday celebrations it almost makes growing old a pleasure. John, Dorothy, and Andy had a dinner at Dorothy's mother's and that day was beautiful, so we were able to have our picnic on the patio.

Another day, a very good friend took me out for dinner and we have been out several other times.

The night of the 8th Leander Dietrich called me from Blacksburg, Va. to give me a surprise, which he surely did. I have yet to acknowledge that call.

The kinks were down last week as Helen was to go to the hospital for a check-up.

On the 22 we plan to come to Carlisle, as I must have the front steps re-laid, and that is when the man will do the work.



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Gertrude is at the reunion of the class that graduated in 1950 and she was at one last week that had a 50 year reunion. In another week she goes to a wedding. Folks are very

kind to include me in the festivities, but I am not able to take the chances for I don't want a repeat performance.

What a shock it was to hear of the tragedy of Alvin Loomis. He was certainly depressed.

We have had very little rain, although we have had some thunderstorms.

Gertrude's tenant called from Florida the other night to say she and her companions will leave for home tomorrow, so they should be here in the middle of the week.

I truly appreciate the art work on my birthday card, and will thank the artist the first chance I have.

Best regards to one and all,  
The "Keep Big Chief"

red — 8 on 1  
3 on 1

red, — 3 on 1  
with spots

47 / 13  
blossom plants

Shoes we plan a visit to 80 Cemetery Street on the 22nd during the Gardner program through Carlisle?

No flower report

6 California poppies in blossom

Lilies

lemon yellow — 2 on 1  
medium yellow — 5 on 1  
5 on 1

dark yellow — 3 on 1  
1 on 1  
4 on 1

light orange — 4 on 1  
1 on 1

dark orange — 4 on 1

light yellow — 4 on 1  
with red stripes